

March 1, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 8, 2000 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 8, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>2. <u>Approval of February 8, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.</p> <p>4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.</p> <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>2. Review and approve February 8, 2000 meeting minutes.</p> <p>3. For information.</p> <p>4. For information and discussion.</p> <p>5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda.</p> |
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* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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| <p>*6. <u>Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u></p> <p>The FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on June 9, 1999. On July 28, 1999, the Regional Council approved the carry forward of the Maricopa County Upgrade AzTech Data Server (\$471,500, CMAQ) project</p> | <p>6. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add the following projects: Maricopa County, Upgrade AzTech Data Server (\$471,500, CMAQ); and ADOT Various locations Gore Re-striping (\$800,000, HES) in FY 2000.</p> |
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from FY 1999 to 2000. The Federal Highway Administration has requested that a TIP amendment be completed to allow this project to proceed. In addition, ADOT has requested to add a Gore re-striping project to FY 2000 with \$800,000 in Federal Safety funds (HES). These changes are not expected to affect the MAG air quality conformity analysis and the required action is considered a minor TIP amendment. The proposed projects are categorized as exempt, for which conformity determinations are not required. Consultation on the conformity assessment for this amendment is considered under a separate agenda item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*7. Recommendations to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the FTA Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program

On February 24, 2000, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee ranked applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. FTA provides these funds to the Arizona Department of Transportation for capital assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability. This year, 15 applications for capital assistance awards were received and considered by the Committee. The ranking provided by MAG is considered by ADOT in determining which applicants are to be awarded. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. For information, discussion and recommendation to forward the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*8. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for an Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Federal Highway Administration has requested that an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be completed to allow the Maricopa County project to upgrade the AzTech Data Server to proceed. The estimated cost of the project is \$471,500 in available Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. In addition,

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the Arizona Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to add a gore re-striping project to FY 2000 with \$800,000 in available Safety funds. A description of the projects can be found in the attached interagency consultation memoranda dated February 28, 2000 and March 1, 2000.

MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and found that the project changes requires consultation on the conformity assessment. The projects may be categorized as exempt, for which conformity determinations are not required. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary that was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated June 10, 1999, would be unchanged by this action. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Consultation on Processes for the 2000 Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state and local air quality and transportation agencies on processes proposed for the conformity analysis on the transportation program and plan. These processes include: the selection of modeling methods, the identification of exempt projects, ensuring the expeditious implementation of transportation control measures, and the identification of projects which require PM₁₀ hotspot analysis. It is anticipated that the proposed processes to be applied in the upcoming conformity analysis of the Fiscal Year 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update (LRTP) will be transmitted under a separate cover memo. Comments will be requested by March 17, 2000.

*10. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects of the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and State conformity regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as

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MAG to consult with State and local air quality and transportation agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. It is requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by March 17, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*11 Social Services Block Grant Funding Recommendations

On March 2, 2000, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee is scheduled to recommend specific funding reductions for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds. It is anticipated that the SSBG funds will need to be reduced by \$469,586 for State FY 2001. The State of Arizona has endeavored to offset the tremendously negative effects of these reductions by replacing some of the reduced SSBG funds with federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. This replacement ends in State FY 2001, meaning there will be further damage to the community-based infrastructure to assist people in need. Members of the Management Committee will be asked to approve the funding reductions and request the Department of Economic Security (DES) and the Office of the Governor to work together to find an adequate amount of funds to provide SSBG-funded services in the State. The Human Services Technical Committee funding reduction recommendations will be faxed to Management Committee members on March 3, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the SSBG funding reductions and to request the Department of Economic Security and the Office of the Governor to work together to find an adequate amount of funds to provide SSBG-funded services in the State.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

12. MAG Fiscal Analysis Annual Report (5 minutes)

Each year, MAG produces a report that reviews the MAG Freeway Program. The Annual Report is required by a state law passed in 1992. Its

12. For information and discussion.

purpose is to address the status of the regional freeway system. Since the first issuance of the Annual Report in April 1992, the Regional Freeway System, as reported in the Arizona Department of Transportation Life Cycle Program, has been in balance with available revenues and construction schedules have been met. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13A. FY 2000 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity (5 minutes)

In late February, the mid-phase public meetings were sponsored by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). The Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC), and the City of Phoenix also participated in the meetings. Events included a Transportation Fair and a public hearing. The Transportation Fair was held at Central Station on February 24, 2000. The public hearing included a presentation on the MAG Freeway Program Annual Report and an opportunity for citizens to comment on transportation issues. The joint agency public hearing, including the State Transportation Board and representatives of sponsoring agencies, will be conducted on March 2, 2000 and is the first held under the new integrated planning and programming process agreed to in the Casa Grande Resolves. All of the events provide information on the draft 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and various aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. The results of these meetings are included in the Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report which will be forwarded upon completion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13B. Adopt Revised Freeway Acceleration Policy (5 minutes)

In 1997, the MAG Regional Council approved the Freeway Acceleration Policy for projects that are part of the MAG Regional Freeway Program. The Regional Freeway Program is scheduled for completion in 2007 and there are efforts to consolidate the Regional Freeway Program with the balance of the ADOT state highway program for the MAG region. With the interest to

13A. For information and discussion.

13B. For information, discussion, recommendation to approve the revised MAG Freeway Acceleration Policy to include all state highway projects in the MAG region

accelerate projects that are not part of the Regional Freeway Program, the MAG Freeway Acceleration Policy needs to be modified to include all highway projects in the region.

The revised policy is similar to the adopted policy that includes the guidance that other highway projects in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MAG Long Range Plan (LRTP) would not be negatively affected by a proposed acceleration. The revised policy provides that the repayment of the principal and project costs will be on the same schedule as provided in the TIP or LRTP. Since not all of the projects in the LRTP are prioritized and scheduled, the revised policy provides that, in these cases, ADOT and MAG will cooperatively establish a start date for the project taking into consideration the adopted MAG priority criteria, project size, and other factors. The planned start date is necessary to calculate the interest expense and the repayment schedule for the sponsoring jurisdiction.

The revised policy also provides that none of the interest expense incurred by the jurisdiction will be reimbursed. This difference is necessary since currently inflation is not considered in the same manner for the statewide program as it is for the Regional Freeway Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13C. Advancement of the Superstition Freeway General Purpose Lanes in Mesa (5 minutes)

The City of Mesa has requested that the general purpose lanes from Price to Val Vista be included as part of the Superstition Freeway design-build project. The general purpose lanes are included in the MAG Long-Range Transportation Plan for construction after the 2007 priority projects are completed. The City of Mesa has offered to finance the acceleration of the general purpose lanes through a Grant Anticipation Note (GAN). To calculate the interest payment on the GAN, a repayment date is required. To set the repayment date, it was assumed that the unaccelerated start date for the general purpose lanes would be 2008, after all of the 2007 priorities are completed. Approval of this advancement therefore establishes a commitment to program the project in 2008 for the general

13C. For information, discussion and recommendation to advance the general purpose lanes on the Superstition Freeway between Price Road and Val Vista Drive with a loan from the City of Mesa, with repayment of the loan from MAG scheduled for the year 2008.

purpose lanes in Mesa which follows the 2007 projects previously approved by the Regional Council. Other projects for funding in 2008 will be recommended as part of a new long range planning process or when the FY 2004-2008 MAG Transportation Improvement Program is developed.

The accelerated start date for the general purpose lanes, if they are included in the design-build project, is 2003. The estimated construction cost of these general purpose lanes is \$10.9 million. Mesa will pay the estimated \$2.6 million of interest cost to advance the completion of these lanes by five years. Mesa will also pay its share of the 0.2 percent stipend that must be paid to the firms who are short-listed in the design-build process but are not awarded the contract. The stipend is required by State law. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13D. Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (5 minutes)

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. The TIP serves as a five year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. On February 22, 2000, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP for an air quality conformity analysis.

Development of the program considered scores from the MAG Congestion Management and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) rating systems. Projects were ranked by MAG Modal Committees and the MAG Transportation Review Committee addressed funding amounts by mode. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13D. For information, discussion and recommendation to authorize a conformity analysis of the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

13E. Conformity Analysis of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update (5 minutes)

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, it is necessary to conduct a conformity analysis on an update to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Items addressed in this Update include: 1) incorporation of the Grand Avenue MIS, 2) an updated Pedestrian Plan, 3) extending the time horizon to 2020, 4) an updated funding plan, and 5) incorporation of changes from the draft FY 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. Status Report on the West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor Plan (5 minutes)

In May, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included a \$450,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Enhancement Funds Program to develop a non-motorized transportation plan for the West Valley Multi-Modal Transportation Corridor. The Corridor is 42 miles long and lies along the New River and the 12-mile southern portion of the Agua Fria River. To assist with technical analysis and implementation, the work for this plan is being integrated with the development of the Agua Fria Watercourse Master Plan initiated by the Flood Control District (FCD) of Maricopa County. An Agency Oversight Team will provide vital input into the planning efforts for both projects. Public meetings are being scheduled for the project. Staff will provide an update on the project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13E. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2000 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

14. For information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

15. MAG Videoconferencing Equipment and Services Selection (5 minutes)

At the beginning of 1999, in conjunction with the Teleconferencing and Telecommunications Program approved by the Regional Council,

15. For information, discussion and recommendation to select the Intellisys Group to implement the MAG Videoconferencing System with the contract award not to exceed \$1,100,000. The contract award and first year's operating costs will not exceed \$1,426,000, with \$496,000 of this

MAG contracted with Norstan Communications to conduct a study to define a region-wide videoconferencing system to link MAG with its member agencies. In September, the Regional Council approved adding \$496,000 from the closeout of MAG federal funds to the project for a total of \$1,446,000. After a nine month study process, a Request for Proposals was prepared and proposals were received. Based on legal advice on issues raised regarding the procurement process, the RFP was canceled. The RFP was revised and reissued. Nine proposals were received and a multi-agency review group reviewed the proposals. On February 24, 2000, the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that the firm Intellisys Group be selected to implement the MAG Videoconferencing System. The contract award will not exceed \$1,100,000. The contract award and first year's network and operating costs will not exceed \$1,426,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

amount contingent upon the closeout of FY 2000 MAG federal funds.

16. North Valley Planning Analysis (5 minutes)

16. For information and discussion.

In recent months, a group of business, local government and education interests (North Valley Partnership) have been discussing the future growth scenarios for the Northwest area. City, County and State representatives have been sharing their future plans with the private sector. Due to the area crossing multiple jurisdictions, the North Valley Partnership has requested MAG to provide some analysis on these growth scenarios and to serve as a forum for discussing the interface of the varying growth scenarios. To guide this analysis, MAG has prepared a scope of work for the analysis. Input from the member agencies on the goal of the project, project boundaries and scope of work is requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17. Discussion of County Animal Control Issues

17. For information, discussion and recommendation to form a MAG Study Committee to address animal control issues.

Frank Fairbanks will lead a discussion of issues related to the coordination between the cities and towns and Maricopa County on animal control issues. He will be proposing that a MAG study committee will be formed to address these issues.